SIGURD ANDERSON
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# P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, the fact that all life is dependent on soil and water cannot be stressed too much or too often; and

WHEREAS, nature has perfected a marvelous system for building productive soils and for maintaining them, and man can work with this system and keep soil and water productive while utilizing the products for his use. He cannot abuse these resources without destroying productivity and quickly decreasing the quantity of products available to him; and

WHEREAS, productivity of our soils and water has been reduced at an exceedingly rapid rate. Vast areas of land have been and are still being mined of their fertility which can only be slowly regained by natural processes; and

WHEREAS, there is great need for more intelligent planning of developments to secure the greatest possible values from all resources; and

WHEREAS, the National Wildlife Federation in sponsoring Wildlife Restoration Week is doing much to teach the fundamentals upon which the future of America's soils, waters, and wildlife depends. The continued growth of human population in this country forces us to give increasing attention to conservation of all natural resources as human utilization places increased demands upon them. Until every American is aware of his vital dependence upon natural resources and acts intelligently to manage them, there will be need of such educational efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sigurd Anderson, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of March 18 through March 24, 1951 as

WILDLIFE RESTORATION WEEK

in South Dakota, and do earnestly appeal to all of our citizens to recognize the importance of the problems of conservation of these assets in wildlife and to work with one accord for their proper protection and preservation, and to reflect upon America's riches of

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